

Chapter 1.1.1 – General Definitions

General comments on the following definitions:

1. *Emerging disease* –

- A clearer definition may be required. Currently, for the aquatic species, a disease is either “notifiable” or is “significant”. However, it is not clear how to determine if a given disease agent is “emerging”, particularly when such a disease may actually have been enzootic to an area, but not correctly diagnosed.

2. *Quarantine* –

- The proposed language does not include any reference to the “depuration” of effluent water from a quarantine system. Thus, quarantine should include isolation of the aquatic animals and treatment of the effluent. We, therefore, suggest the following language:

Quarantine: means maintaining a group of *aquatic animals* in isolation with no direct or indirect contact with other *aquatic animals*, in order to undergo observation for a specified length of time, and if appropriate, testing and treatment , **including proper treatment of the effluent waters.**

3. *Vertical transmission* –

Egg-associated transmission of pathogens from parents to offspring may originate from either male or female gametes. Trans-ovarian transmission implies transmission from the female only, and therefore, this definition should be changed accordingly.